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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR WTDR ON AERONAVES DE ECUADOR S.A. (ANDES AIRLINES)

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- 1. CAN NOT PRESENTLY COMPLETE WTDR REQUEST. PROBLEM INVOLVES OWNERSHIPP OF ANDES AIRLINES. BASED ON OFFICIAL COMPANY RECORDS, MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS ARE: 1) PEDRO ALVAREZ, (2) ROBERTO POLIT, AND (3) COMPANIA ANONIMA FUTURO CAFU. HOWEVER, IT IS ALLEGED THAT MR. RODRIGO YCAZA-CANEL, FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF GUAYAQUIL BANK "LA PREVISORA BANCO NACIONAL DE CREDITO", AND WHO IS NOW FACING LEGAL ACTIONS BY GOE DUE TO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTING BANK-IRREGULARITIES, IS THE PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER OF ANDES AIR-LINES
- 2. IT IS ALLEGED THAT MR. RODRIGO YCAZA, AS BANK'S GENERAL MANAGER, MANIPULATED BANK DEPOSITS BY FALSIFYING RECORDS AND BY FAVORING CERTAIN FIRMS WITH LOANS. IT IS FURTHER ALLEGED THAT FIRMS HE FAVORED ARE CONTROLLED BY YCAZA OR BY HIS EMPLOYEES.
- 3. TWO FIRMS RECEIVING FAVORABLE LOANS AND ALLEGEDLY CONTROLLED BY YCAZA ARE: 1) ANDES AIRLINES, AND 2) COMPANIA ANONIMA FUTURO CAFU. WE WERE UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED BY A GOE CONTACT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT A MAJOR SHAREHOLDER OF ANDES AIRLINES IS CAFU.

4. ALTHOUGH ANDES AIRLINES IS NO DOUBT IN SOUND FINANCIAL STANDING FOR THE TIME BEING, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT EVENTS REGARDING YCAZA'S LEGAL PROBLEMS AND HIS ALLEGED BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH ANDES AIRLINES. IT APPEARS THAT LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MR. YCAZA MUST BE CONCLUDED, OR THAT OTHER ARRANGE-

MENTS MUST BE MADE BY ANDES AIRLINES TO ISOLATE OR DISSOLVE THEMSELVES FROM MR. YCAZA'S PROBLEMS. THEREFORE, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT SALES TO ANDES AIRLINES, DURING THIS INTERIM PERIOD, BE ON STRICTLY SECURED BASIS. IN ADDITION, CREDITORS OF ANDES AIRLINES MAY WISH TAKE OTHER MEASURES TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION, SUCH AS TRAVELING TO GUAYAQUIL TO HAVE ON THE SCENE DISCUSSIONS.

5. FOREGOING INFO BEING TRANSMITTED BY LOU MESSAGE IN CONFORMITY WITH REF (C). BISHTON

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